

Lakeside Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Adagio in A minor

J. S. Bach

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Commit Your Way to God the Lord

ROCKINGHAM

*Commit your way to God the Lord, your cause will shine as bright as fire; delight to do
God's holy word and you shall find what you desire.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based of Luke 6:27-31)* Members of Youth Church School Class

Why have you come?
To learn the ways of life. We want to follow Jesus.
It won't be easy.
We still want to follow Jesus.
The enemy: love them.
The oppressor: turn the other cheek to them.
You're right. It doesn't sound easy.
Jesus doesn't call us to live a wimpy, doormat faith,
but to live with radical love. What do you say?
We want to follow Jesus.
Then, come and learn the ways of life.

***HYMN #401**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on Luke 6:27-38)*

Teacher of hard truths,
it is difficult to let go of our anger
toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways.
It is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth,
when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them.
We long to see the vindication of the righteous
and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth.
We yearn for the day
when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated.
Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult,
so we may be called beloved children of the Most High. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #581

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Louisa W. Umphres

(Please note that children who come forward may be visible to our online audiences.)

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Voluntary on The Old 100th (second setting)* Johann Gottfried Walther

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM

Seek First God's Kingdom

Thomas Pavlechko

Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness. And all these things shall be given to you as well. Seek God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (O.T. p.42)

GOSPEL READING Luke 6:27-38 (N.T. p.64)

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman

HYMN #795 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

AMEN

Hymn #599

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #750**

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Go forth into God's world in peace. Be of good courage.
Hold fast to what is good. Return to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***OUR BLESSING TO EACH OTHER**

AR HYD Y NOS

**May the Lord, our gracious Father, bless you this day;
Give you peace and hope and courage, along your way.
May you stay within God's keeping, in your waking, in your sleeping.
In your joy and in your weeping: God be with you.**

POSTLUDE

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**Those who are able, please stand*

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Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



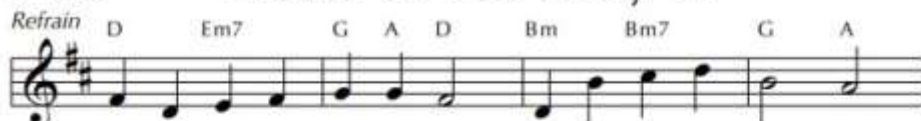
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

795 Healer of Our Every Ill



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil 750

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours.
Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is

through God who loves us. us.
ours through God who loves us. us.

Recognizing that this text arose from the years of apartheid in South Africa adds depth and resonance to its already confident language. Yet these words can also be read as a summary of Christ's death and resurrection, the true basis of our hope that good will triumph over evil.